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1996-97 (Fifth Round)	BB-OS/5	Essar Oil Ltd.(100%) India

ONGC has participating interest in one of the blocks as indicated above. However, ONGC has an option to take 30% participating interest in each of the other two blocks at the stage of development after discovery, if any. In the block CY-OS-90/1, total expenditure made by the consortium as on 30-4-1996 is US \$ 1,367,370 out of which ONGC share is US \$ 448,950. Under the remaining two contracts mentioned above, ONGC has not exercised its option to take participating interest & hence no expenditure has been incurred by ONGC. However, under the contract RJ-ON-90/1 Shall has incurred total expenditure in US \$ 4,648 million till September, 1996.

(d) Starting from the fourth Round of exploration bidding nine contracts have been signed so far the details of which are given below :-

Block	State covered
GN-ON-90/3	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh.
KG-OS-90/1	Krishna Godavari Offshore
RJ-ON-90/1	Rajasthan
CY-OS-90/1	Cauvery Offshore
RJ-ON-90/4	Rajasthan
RJ-ON-90/5	Rajasthan
BB-OS/5	Bombay Offshore
CY-OS/2	Cauvery Offshore
CB-OS/1	Cambay Offshore

(e) Exploration activity carried out so far under these contracts are as follows :

KG-OS-90/1 (Krishna-Godavari Basin Eastern Offshore)	546 LKM of seismic data of reprocessing 518 LKM of seismic data acquisition, processing and interpretation
GN-ON-90/3 (Pranhita-Godavari basin)	128 LKM seismic data acquisition and processing.
CY-OS-90/1 (Cauvery basin Eastern Offshore)	Appraisal of existing data of PY-3 field is over and development phase has begun. The first development well has been drilled upto a depth of 3668m.
RJ-ON-90/1 (Rajasthan basin)	824 LKM of seismic data and 2395.6 Km. of gravity data has been acquired.

Contracts for blocks BB-OS/5, RJ-ON-90/4, RJ-ON-90/3, CY-OS/2 and CB-OS/1 have been signed recently and work has not yet started.

[English]

Crude Oil Production

134. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the crude oil production during Eighth Plan;

(b) whether there is likely to be a shortfall in achieving the target;

(c) if so, the extent to which it is likely to shortfall of the target alongwith the reasons; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). The crude oil production during the 8th Plan is estimated to be about 155 MMT against the original Planning Commission target of 197.31 MMT. However, this target was subsequently revised to 169.45 MMT by mid 1993. The reasons for the shortfall in production are -

(i) Reduction in anticipated production from the major fields of BPBC especially Bombay High and Neelam, due to unexpected reservoir behaviour, not in conformity with earlier predictions.

(ii) Oil fields entering the natural declining phase.

(iii) Reduced production from joint venture projects.

(iv) constraints in operating conditions on account of law and order problems and insurgency NE region.

(v) Stoppage of work in Nagaland.

(vi) Frequent power shutdown in Western & Eastern Region affected artificial lift operations.

(d) Various steps taken to increase indigenous production of crude oil are -

(i) Development of new fields and additional development of existing fields.

(ii) Implementation of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Schemes and extension of some of EOR schemes from pilot scale to full scale fields application.

(iii) Implementation of certain specialised technology such as extended reach drilling, horizontal and drain hole drilling.

- (iv) Obtaining the services of international experts wherever considered necessary.
- (v) Maintenance of reservoir health through workover operations, pressure maintenance methods.
- (vi) Encouraging the participation of private/joint venture companies in the oil exploration and development programmes.
- (vii) 3D seismic surveys of the oil fields for better reservoir delineation.
- (viii) Application and optimisation of artificial lift operations.
- (ix) Stimulation of wells.

Funds for Housing Projects

135. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have prepared any long term plan for housing projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of units likely to be set up during 1996-2001 and the funds required for it; and
- (c) the total amount spent to complete the projects in housing sector during 1990-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The National Housing Policy approved by Parliament in August, 1994, has as a basic objective assistance to all people, and in particular the houseless, the inadequately housed and the vulnerable sections, to secure for themselves affordable shelter through access to developed land, building materials, finance and technology.

(b) Since Housing is a State subject and most of the activity in the Housing sector is undertaken through the private and self-help sectors, it is not possible to quantify the numbers of dwelling units which will be created or constructed during the period 1996-2001.

It has, however, been estimated that :

- (a) there exists a housing backlog of 7.71 million dwelling units in urban areas;
- (b) 8.87 million new dwelling units would be required in urban areas to meet the growth in demand the next five years; and
- (c) 0.32 million kutchha dwelling units would require upgradation in urban areas.

The funds required for the above would be in excess of Rs.120,000 crores.

(c) Against the 8th Plan outlay of Rs.6377 crores for urban and rural housing, the actual expenditure

upto March, 1995 on housing schemes both in Central and State sectors amounted to Rs.3074 crores. However, the quantum of private investment in the housing sector cannot be estimated.

Computerisation/Updating of Land Records

136. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for computerisation and updating of land records; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) Rs.1150.085 lakhs have been released to State Government of Uttar Pradesh for Updating of Land Records.

The Computerisation of land record is being taken up in 22 districts and funds to the tune of Rs.394 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for these projects.

The district-wise release of funds under computerisation of land records are given in the brackets after each district :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) Deoria (25.00) (ii) Etawah (30.00) (iii) Agra (30.00) (iv) Moradabad (30.00) (v) Mainpuri (25.00) (vi) Allahabad (15.00) (vii) Aligarh (15.00) (viii) Bareilly (15.00) (ix) Gonda (15.00) (x) Hardoi (15.00) (xi) Nainital (14.00) (xii) Ghaziabad (15.00) (xiii) Unnao (15.00) (xiv) Varanasi (15.00) (xv) Barabanki (15.00) (xvi) Kanpur Dehat (15.00) (xvii) Jhansi (15.00) (xviii) Faizabad (15.00) (xix) Gorakhpur (15.00) (xx) Lucknow (15.00) (xxi) Meerut (15.00) (xxii) Gharwal (15.00)

Exploration by ONGC

137. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the growing militancy in Tripura has affected exploration activities of the ONGC to a large extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost exploration in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The militant activities of various extremist groups such as All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF),